Celebrating The Life of

Mr. Ernest Herman Austin

Sunset
December 16, 1922
Mansfield, Louisiana

Sunset
February 23, 2017
Martinez, California

Service Held
MONDAY, MARCH 06, 2017 AT 11:00 A.M.

CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES
4499 Piedmont Ave, - Oakland, California 94611

Minister Lori D. Taylor

Remembering...

Mr. Ernest Herman Austin

Ernest Herman Austin was born on December 16, 1922 in Mansfield, Louisiana to the union of Eva Bolden and Frank Austin. He was the youngest of seven children and Ernest was known as "Goobe" among his Mansfield family and friends. He affirmed his belief in God at an early age.

Ernest was educated in the De Soto Parish School District, graduating from De Soto Parish Training High School, Mansfield, Louisiana in 1943. He was inducted into the United States Army prior to graduating from high school. Ernest was trained as a Postal Clerk while enlisted in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1946 with three medals of distinction. He worked briefly as a security guard at the San Francisco Presidio until becoming employed with the United States Postal Service as a Mail Clerk for 33 years. He joined the Allen Temple Church family in the early 1980's.

Following his discharge from the Army, Ernest moved to California. He met the love of his life, Doris Lucille, while working at the Oakland Post Office and were later married in Carson City, Nevada on April 9, 1954. To this union they were blessed with one daughter, Allison Louise.

Ernest had many interests and hobbies. He looked forward to attending our annual Memorial Day picnic. He loved to listen to Nat King Cole. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, reel-to-reel music recording, photography and summertime car traveling. He was often seen in the neighborhood doing his daily two-mile walk. He captured many hours of family events on 8mm film which he proudly showed when friends or family visited and he always kept a well-manicured lawn which he maintained on weekends.

Ernest was preceded in death by his wife Doris Lucille Austin, his father, Frank Austin, his mother, Eva Austin, His sisters, Marie Austin Hardy, Ruth Austin Pugh, Bessie Austin, Helen Austin and two brothers, Samuel Austin and Frank Austin Jr.

Ernest leaves to cherish his memory: his loving daughter, Allison Louise Austin of Oakland, his six sisters-in-law, Gwendolyn Marie Watson of Oakland, CA; Mary Coleman of Denison, TX; Betty Jean Davis of Oakland, CA.; Hazel Lilivan Butler of Oakland, CA, Ingrid Butler of Concord, CA; Marie Butler of Houston, TX; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his constant companion, Teddy the Poodle.

Order Of Service

Viewing of the Beloved . . . . . .

Processional . . . . . .Minister, Family, and Friends

Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Psalm 23. . . . . .Jasmine Taylor

Scripture Reading

New Testament- John 14:1-7 . . . . . .Jasmine Taylor

Prayer. . . . . Minister Lori D. Taylor

Solo . . . . . ***"Never Grow Old"*** . . . . . .Lenny Williams
Singer/Song Writer/Recording Artist

Words of Comfort . . . . . ***(2 Minute Limit)***. . . . . .Theresa Alexander
Jeff Davis
Roger Taylor

Poem . . . . . Denise Taylor

Remembering: . . . . . Video Tribute

Acknowledgement and Resolutions . . . . . Everett Butler

Eulogy & Closing Prayer. . . . . Minister Lori D. Taylor

Remembering: . . . . . Video Tribute

In Paradisum. . . . . Madeline Pinkard

Recessional . . . . . .

Dad... So many images come to mind
Whenever I speak your name...
It seems without you in my life
Things have never been the same.

What happened to those lazy days
When I was just a child...
When my life was consumed in you
In your love, and in your smile.

What happened to all those times
When I always looked to you...
No matter what happened in my life
You could make my gray skies blue.

Dad, some days I hear your voice
And turn to see your face...
Yet in my turning,,, it seems
The sound has been erased.

Dad, who will I turn to for answers
When life does not make sense...
Who will be there to hold me close
When the pieces just don't fit.

Oh Dad, if I could turn back time
And once more hear your voice..
I'd tell you that out of all the dads
You would still be my choice.

Please always know I love you
And no one can take your place..
Years may come and go
But your memory will never be erased.

Today, Jesus, as You are listening
In your home above..
Would you go and find my dad
And give him all my love.

Pallbearers

Everett Butler
Jeff Davis
Golden Watson
Michael Hamlin
Darryl Francis
Roger Taylor

Honorary Pallbearers

Paul Butler
Paul Powell
Benny Williams
James McDonald
Acey Moore
Charles Watson

Acknowledgement

On behalf of the family, we wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thoughts and deeds and for your attendance at this service of celebration.

We would like to especially thank the staff of the San Francisco and Martinez VA Medical Center for the extraordinary dedicated care and compassion.

The Austin Family

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